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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL ROUND-UP

1. SUMMARY: CONGRESS IS NOW IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION WHICH MAY GO ON UNTIL JANUARY. LEADERSHIP IN CHAMBE4 OF DEPUTIES WILL PROBABLY BE CHANGED PRIOR TO OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT RECONVENES. LEADERSHIP IN SENATE LIKELY TO REMAIN IN PLACE AT LEAST UNTIL MAY. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSIDERATION OF LAW ON PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS ON NOV 29 (BA 8728) WAS LAST ACT IN REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS. FOLLOWING DAY EXTRAORDINARY SESSION WAS CONVOKED IN ORDER THAT CONGRESS TAKE UP SOME 25 PENDING BILLS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT. INDICATIONS NOW ARE THAT EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MAY RUN INTO JANUARY. KEY ECONOMIC MEASURES HAVE ALREADY PASSED, HOWEVER, AND NONE OF PENDING BILLS ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S.

3. THERE IS STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES BEFORE, OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES. THERE IS GREAT DISSATISFACTION WITHIN FREJULI GROUP WITH BLOC PRESIDENT FERDINANDO PEDRINI. FURTHER, PEDRINI
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AND CHAMBER PRESIDENT RAUL LASTIRI REPORTEDLY DETEST ONE ANOTHER AND ARE NO LONGER EVEN ON SPEAKING TERMS. PEDRINI WILL PROBABLY

BE REMOVED AS BLOC PRESIDENT AND THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT PERON, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN OPPOSING CLIQUES, MAY ALSO WISH TO ENGINEER ELECTION OF NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT.

4. SENATE REMAINS WITHOUT PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE (FREJULI, CORDOBA), CONTINUES TO ACT IN THAT CAPACITY AND THE WORD WITHIN THE SENATE IS THAT PERON HAS INDICATED THAT HE WISHES ALLENDE TO REMAIN AS ACTING PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT AT LEAST UNTIL APRIL OR MAY. ALLENDE IS LEADER OF POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY RATHER THAN A PERONIST, BUT IS HIGHLY RESPECTED FIGURE IN WHOM PERON HIMSELF HAS GREAT CONFIDENCE. FURTHER, FREJULI BLOC PRESIDENT, JOSE HUMERTO MARTIARENA (A PERONIST WHO AT MOMENT IS REGARDED AS MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR PROVISIONAL PRESIDENCY OF SENATE) RECENTLY IRRITATED UCR SENATORS BY SUGGESTING THAT UCR WAS ALSO PART OF "OFFICIALIST BLOC," A REMARK WHICH BROUGHT SHARP DENIAL FROM UCR BLOC LEADER CARLOS PERETTE. TO PUSH FOR MARTIARENAS ELECTION TO PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT AT THIS TIME, THEREFORE, WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPOLITIC--ONE REASON, PERHAPS, WHY PERON WISHES TO DELAY IT UNTIL APRIL OR MAY. BY THEN MARTIARENA MAY BE MORE ACCEPTABLE FIGURE, OR OTHER CANDIDATES MAY HAVE COME TO THE FORE. THIS IS KEY POSITION SINCE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF SENATE FOLLOWS VICE PRESIDENT OF NATION IN ORDER OF SUCCESSION.

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